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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: OTRA (ARMACOST, MICHAEL), PREL. US, AF, PK
SUBJECT: ARMACOST VISIT: RESISTANCE SPOKESMAN DENIES
- MEETING

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2. (C) WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT, IF THE QUESTION ARISES, DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN AND OTHERS DUCK BY SAYING THAT, WHILE WE ARE PREPARED TO TALK ABOUT OUR GENERAL CONCLUSIONS FROM THE VISIT ALONG LINES OF UNDERSECRETARY'S REMARKS TO PAK NEWSMEN (SEE ISLAMABAD (USIS) 01322), WE ARE NOT WILLING TO BE DRAWN INTO A DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING DETAILS.

3. (U) BEGIN TEXT OF ARTICLE BY TARIO BUTT ENTITLED
"MUJAHIDEEN NOT GRANTED INTERVIEW BY ARMACOST:"

ISLAMABAD, JAN. 20: U.S. UNDER SECRETARY MICHAEL
ARMACOST, WHO ENDED HIS TWO-DAY TOUR HERE LAST NIGHT,
DID NOT GRANT AN INTERVIEW TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE SEVEN-PARTY ISLAMIC UNITY OF AFGHANISTAN
MUJAHIDEEN DESPITE A REQUEST FROM THEM REPORTEDLY
COMMUNICATED TO HIM THROUGH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY.

THE ALLIANCE'S CURRENT SPOKESMAN MOHAMMAD NABI
MOHAMMADI, WHEN CONTACTED BY "THE MUSLIM" SAID: "WE
TRIED TO MEET THE AMERICAN DIGNITARY BUT FAILED." HE
DID NOT KNOW THE REASONS WHY A MEETING WAS NOT
ARRANGED. HE SAID THE AMERICAN EMBASSY WOULD BE
AWARE OF THEM.

MOHAMMADI SAID THE REQUEST FOR "AN AUDIENCE" WAS MADE
THROUGH THE EMBASSY ON SUNDAY, THE DAY ARMACOST
LANDED HERE.

TO A QUESTION, MOHAMMADI CLAIMED THAT HE HAD THE
CONSENT OF ALL THE PARTIES OF THE ALLIANCE TO CONTACT
THE VISITING U.S. PERSONAGE. "I WOULD HAVE
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DEFINITELY NOT APPROACHED THE EMBASSY FOR A MEETING
IF I HAD NOT BEEN ALLOWED TO DO SO," HE SAID, AND
CONCEDED "I CONTACTED THE MISSION AND CONVEYED THE
REQUEST WHICH COULD NOT MATERIALIZE."

4. KABUL AND MOSCOW MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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